

# **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE**

## **Voting Members:**

Tommy Waters, Chair; Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair;  
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

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Committee Meeting Held  
June 18, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare, which considered  
Resolution 20-154 entitled:

**"RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 19TH AS JUNETEENTH FOR THE CITY  
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"**

introduced on June 12, 2020, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to proclaim the annual date of June 19th as  
Juneteenth for the City and County of Honolulu.

City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell testified in support of the  
Resolution and indicated that he and the City joins the Honolulu City Council in  
recognizing Juneteenth. Mayor Caldwell acknowledged the unfortunate fact that Hawaii  
is the only state that has yet to recognize Juneteenth, and he indicated that  
Honolulu Hale would be lit in the colors gold and black to commemorate Juneteenth.  
The Mayor also cited to the fact that the Kingdom of Hawaii had abolished slavery  
before the Civil War in the United States had even begun, should be a source of pride in  
our diverse island community, and that as we contemplate Black Lives Matter,  
Pride Month, and gender discrimination, we remember that we can always strive to be  
better.

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Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director Josh Stanbro from the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability & Resiliency testified in support of the Resolution and cited to the grass roots efforts from across the community, encouraging our society to recognize everyone and the importance of pursuing and promoting equality in all that we do. Executive Director Stanbro noted that recognizing Juneteenth may simply be a symbolic act, but symbols have power and reflect the overall sentiment of a community.

At your Committee's meeting on June 18, 2020, one individual, Sultan White, testified in support of the Resolution. No testimony was received in opposition to the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from 40 individuals and 10 organizations: African American Lawyers Association of Hawaii, Democratic Socialists of Honolulu, Japanese American Citizens League - Honolulu Chapter, the Popolo Project, Sisters Empowering Hawaii, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Hawaii, Shaka Tea, American Civil Liberties of Hawaii, Elemental Excelsior, and Hawaii African American Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 20-154 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Menor, Tsuneyoshi, Waters - 4; Noes: None; Excused: Manahan - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

At the 7/8/20 Council meeting, the Resolution was amended and subsequently adopted as Resolution 20-154, FD1.

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